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AMENDMENT AND/OR ARGUMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant responds as follows to the Office Action mailed 10/24/2002.
Claims 1-5 are pending in the application; reexamination and reconsideration are hereby requested.

Claims 1-5 were rejected as anticipated by Dube. With regard to claim 1, step (b), wherein (i) (skipping the coding of the children of a cluster if the parent so indicates), the Examiner cited Dube column 10, lines 25-29.

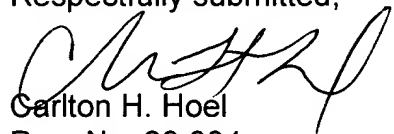
Applicant replies that Dube column 10, lines 25-29 provides encoding with symbol G if at least one child is significant but all grandchildren are insignificant. This is not skipping the encoding of the children as required by the claim 1 provision.

With regard to claim 1, step (b), wherein (iv) (skipping the coding of a child of a cluster if the encoding is determinable from the other children encodings), the Examiner cited Dube column 10, lines 25-29.

Applicant replies that Dube column 10, lines 25-29 provides encoding with symbol G if at least one child is significant but all grandchildren are insignificant. This is not skipping the encoding of a child if determinable from the other children encodings as required by the claim 1 provision.

Indeed, Dube does not suggest these provisions required by independent claim 1, and the claims are patentable over Dube.

Respectfully submitted,



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